FAUQUIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION POLICY

TITLE: Participant Release of Claims Forms

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<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of acknowledgement of risk/release of claims is to assure that participants are aware of the risks involved in participation in departmental programs and to reduce the number of extraneous lawsuits arising from the normal conduct of business.

I. General

Participant release of claims shall be required. Wording of release shall be approved by the County Attorney and be effected in printed format or by posted signs.

A. Form

Development and approval of the form as well as any changes to the form shall be approved by both the County Attorney and the Parks and Recreation Board.

1. Implementation

- a. For all program participants in programs that are fee based the form shall be required as follows:
 - (1) For programs utilizing receipts all adults (18 or older) shall sign the release prior to participation. For minors participating in the program a parent or guardian shall sign the form as well as the minor between the ages of 12 and 17 shall sign the form prior to participation.
 - (2) For programs not utilizing a receipt such as special events, walk-in programs, etc. the release shall be printed on the back of each ticket given to the participant of each program.
 - (3) For programs not utilizing a receipt or a ticket the release shall be printed on the back of the cash register's customer receipt tape and given to each customer at point of sale.

- (4) For all program participants in programs that are free the form shall not be required. Programs that entail a moderate risk factor shall not be free.
- (5) For programs that do not utilize a receipt such special events for which tickets are sold, etc. the release shall be rewritten and included on the back of the printed tickets.
- (6) Facility users shall not be required to sign the release form.
- B. Sign

Development and approval of the sign, as well as any changes to the sign, shall be approved by the County Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS/RELEASE OF CLAIMS FORM

In consideration of my participation in the activity provided by and through the Fauquier County Parks & Recreation Department, I hereby release the Fauquier County Parks & Recreation Board, the County of Fauquier, its Boards, employees and volunteers from all action, damages, claims, or demands and all liability which might be incurred during the conduct of this activity.

I further authorize Fauquier County employees to take and provide all necessary medical attention should I be injured while participating or being transported to or from, any Department sponsored activity and I hold said employees, the Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Board, the County of Fauquier and its boards, agents, employees and volunteers harmless therefor.

I have read the policies pertaining to cancellations, refunds, rules, and regulations, as pertain to this activity. I acknowledge the risks and responsibilities involved in these activities. I assume these risks realizing the capabilities of the persons participating.

I have read this release and understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

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Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18	
Date	